Power requirement by 2000 A.D.

1065. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a review has taken place of the estimated energy requirements in the country by 2000 A.D.;

(b) what proportion of these requirements are intended to be met by private sector agencies; and

(c) the capital needed to be deployed by the private sector to meet the target and the sources from which funds are expected to be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The programme of capacity addition for Ninth Plan covering a period upto 2001-02 is yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission. However, taking into account the status of ongoing schemes and the new schemes in pipeline, the likely capacity addition is expected to be of the order of 40,000 MW of which around 17,500 MW is anticipated from the private sector.

(c) The investment by the private sector may be around Rs. 70,000 crores for generation projects. The private promoters may mobilise these resources through equity, domestic and external commercial borrowings, credit from equipment suppliers, etc.

गुजरात के कच्छ में विद्युत संयंत्र

1066. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात में कच्छ को सूखाग्रस्त घोषित किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने वहां पर कोई सरकारी या निजी क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत विद्युत संयंत्र स्थापित करने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ग) क्या केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण ने इस संयंत्र के लिए स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी है, और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री और विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम अलघ): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) अकरीपोटा टीपीएस (2×125 मेगावाट) हेतु विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट तथा कच्छ क्षेत्र में स्थापित किए जाने वाले आयातित ईंधन आधारित ताप विद्युत केन्द्र (2 ×250 मेगावाट) हेतु व्यवहार्यता रिपोर्ट के.बी.प्रा. में क्रमशः सितम्बर, 1997 तथा नवम्बर, 1997 में प्राप्त हो गई हैं। इन परियोजनाओं को तकनीकी-आर्थिक स्वीकृति इनके द्वारा सभी आवश्यक निवेश/लिंकेज तथा अन्य सांविधिक स्वीकृतियां सुनिश्चित किए जाने के पश्चात् ही प्रदान की जाएंगी।

Review of Power Policy

1067. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised its policy with regard to the private sector participation in power projects;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the new changes made in the policy in the above matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) The policy enunciated by the Government of India to encourage greater private sector participation in power generation is being amended from time to time, keeping in view the changing requirements. Some of the measures taken recently to encourage private investment in the power sector include enhancing the limit of the capital expenditure of the schemes requiring concurrence of Central Electricity Authority and providing for automatic clearance for electric generation and transmission projects where the foreign equity is less than 74% of the total equity.